'1	2	3	4	5	6	7
5.	Agra Fort-Bandikui		1995-96	.	175.03	169.55 5.48 Gauge conversion of Bandikui-Bharatpur has been completed and opened to traffic. The work of gauge ' conversion of Bharatpur-Idgah (Agra Fort) is nearing completion.
6.	Phulera-Jodhpur-Pipar Road-Bilara		1993-94	33.44	5.05 5.00	The work of gauge conversion of Phulera-Jodhpur section has since been completed and opened for traffic. The work of gauge conversion of Pipar Road-Bilara has been taken up and in this section the bridge work, earthwork and ballast supply are in progress'.

The funds to the projects are being allocated as per the availability of resources.

Compensation to accident victims

596. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the time limit prescribed by the Railways for the disposal of cases, complete in all respects, for compensation submitted by accident victims or their next of kin with the Railway Claims Tribunals,

(b) the number of pending cases complete in all respects as on 31st December, 2004, with each Tribunal beyond the time allowed for their disposal, with the reasons for delay in each case; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken for their expeditious disposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Railway Claims Tribunal (RCT) is a judicial body and as such no time limit is prescribed for disposal of cases. However, delay in disposal of cases is mainly due to the inability of the claimants to produce evidence in time. Total number of train accident cases pending as on 31-12-2004 are as follows:—

Name of the Bench	No of pending cases
Delhi	19
Chandigarh	41
Lucknow	12
Ghaziabad	6
Gorakhpur	44
Calcutta	9
Patna	9
Guwahati	2
Bhubneswar	0
Mumbai	44
Bhopal	28
Ahmedabad	3
Jaipur	1
Nagpur	0
Chennai	3
Secunderabad	24
Emakulam	101
Bangalore	40
Total:	386

(c) 1. RCT (Procedure) Rules have been amended for speedy settlement of claims filed in RCT. The amendments provide for—

(a) Facility for the claimant to file the claim for accident cases at a station where the claimant normally resides, originating station, and destination station as against only at place of occurrence earlier.

(b) RCT to pronounce an order with in 21 days after final hearing.

2. Administrative measures in regard to expeditious settlement of accident cases:—

(i) An accident cell is set up under the Chief Claims Officer, which monitors all cases of death, injury for providing relief.

(ii) After the decree has been passed, payment of compensation is made at the earliest.